

BLACK MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Those who participated in music at Black Mountain this summer will never forget the experience and will certainly do all in their power to keep it alive both there and elsewhere. For me it seems one of the most vital signs of what must and can be achieved for music in the United States, if we have the vision and courage and imagination which is demanded of us.

Roger Sessions (New York Times, September, 1944.)

This is a unique educational experiment, where the students and faculty are not only building their own buildings but really are attempting to demonstrate democratic procedure in an educational institution.

Eleanor Roosevelt (My Day, April 10, 1941.)

Black Mountain is a living example of democracy in action.
John Dewey.

I want to congratulate you upon the work you are doing. You are here as a little community to work with your hands and your brains, which is a good thing for you. What is done out of pleasure is much better done than what is done out of duty. If you had to climb mountains out of duty, you could not mount these high mountains. I think that is also true with the high mountains of the spirit.

Albert Einstein.

Progressive education's most famous outpost.
Time Magazine, Dec. 27, 1943.

There should be at least one college such as this in every state, operated independently of the big universities, to provide custom-tailored education for those who want it and do the experimenting of which the big schools are almost incapable.
P. M.

Nowhere on American college campuses is there to be found a more democratic spirit.

The Archive, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

I had thought to stay an hour or so, then go on. To shorten a long tale, instead of staying overnight, I remained for two and a half months. On the third day I found myself making notes about the place. And two weeks later I knew I had stumbled on what might eventually prove one of the most fascinating and probably important stories developing in America today.

Louis Adamic (Harper's Magazine.)